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Petersbourg, July 18.

ON the 15th Instant, between Ten and Eleven in the Morning, the Great Dutchess Regent was happily brought to Bed of a Princess, who was immediately named Catherina, after her Grandmother the late Dutchess of Mecklenbourg. The Court on this Occasion is in great Splendour, and will remain so till the Princess is baptized. The great Guns of the Citadel and Admiralty were fired on this Occasion, which carried the News to the Prince Generalissimo much sooner than the Express sent after him; for his Highness went that Morning about Two, with the Prince his Brother, and Felt-Marshal Lacy, to a Review, about 18 English Miles off on the Wibourg Side, of about Eight or Nine Thousand Men, Part of the Forces under General Keith's Command. Upon the first Gun the Prince got on Horseback, and returned hither before One.

Hanover, August 18. The Death of the Queen of Sardinia having been notified to the King at Herrenhausen, the Court is gone into Mourning upon that Occasion. The Hon. Edward Finch, Esq; his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Czar of Muscovy, having desired to be recalled from that Employment upon Account of his ill State of Health, the King has been pleased to condescend to his Request, and has appointed Sir Cyril Wich, Bart. at present his Envoy-Extraordinary to the Hanse Towns, to go as his Envoy Extraordinary to the Russian Court in the Room of the said Mr. Finch; and to nominate James Cope, Esq; at this Time Secretary to the Commissaries appointed to treat at Antwerp with those of the late Emperor of Germany, and of the States-General of the United Provinces, to succeed the said Sir Cyril Wich with the Character of Resident to the Hanse Towns. His Majesty has been pleased to confer on the Hon. Robert Trevor, Esq; his Envoy Extraordinary at the Hague, the Additional Title of Plenipotentiary to the States General.

Copenhagen, Aug. 5, *N. S.* An Order came on the 1st Instant in the Afternoon, for three Men of War and three Frigates which have lain some time in this Road, having Land Forces on board, to weigh Anchor immediately, which they did accordingly; and the Wind being fair, they took their Course through the Sound. 'Tis said they had sealed Instructions, which they were to open at Sea.

Ausburg, Aug. 5. The 30th past four Squadrons and two Battalions of Bavarians advanced to Passau, and possess'd themselves of one of the Gates. The Officer who commanded those Troops immediately went to the Bishop, to whom he declared that the Elector of Bavaria found himself obliged, in the present Juncture, not only to take Possession of the Town, but to desire him (the Bishop) to consent that he might likewise possess himself of the Citadel. The Bishop having yielded to it, upon certain Conditions settled with that Officer, the Bavarians took Possession of the Citadel, after the Garrison which was there before had marched out.

Vienna, Aug. 9. On the 1st Instant this Court received Advice by an Express, that the Elector of Bavaria had possessed himself of the Town and Castle of Passau, and put into them a Garrison of his Troops. This Procedure of his Electoral Highness gave great Surprize and Uneasiness, because Passau is look'd upon as the Key of the Upper Austria. Hereupon Orders have been sent to Hungary for several Regiments, besides what were on the March before, to hasten to reinforce the Troops which are drawing together in Bohemia and Austria. An Ordinance has been published for raising 15000 Recruits in the Queen of Hungary's hereditary Dominions; pursuant to which Drums have beat here, and the Concourse of Men who offer themselves to list, is very great. Our latest Advices from the Army in Silesia commanded by Field-Marshal Count Neiperg, are dated the 4th of this Month from Rathmansdorf, and import,